Ministry of Environment & Forests are being pursued. After availability of necessary clearances, proposal will be processed for approval by NTPC Board and major expenditure on the project will be taken up. In the meanwhile a provision of Rs. 251.17 crores has been kept for the project in Budget Estimate (BE) 2007-08. Subject to timely clearances/approvals, both 500 MW units of the project are envisaged for commissioning in 11th Plan period.

Teesta Hydro Power Project

†2188. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the production capacity of Teesta hydro power project;

(b) the names of States which are expected to be benefited from the above said project; and

(c) by when this project is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) Three hydroelectric projects are under implementation by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) on Teesta river. The details of these projects are as under:

Name of the Project/ Location (State)	Capacity (MW)	Beneficiary State(s)	Expected Commissioning schedule
Teesta Stage-V, Sikkim	510 MW	West Bengal, Sikkim, Bihar and Jharkhand along with Damodar Valley Corporation.	January, 2008
Teesta Low Dam Stage-III, West Bengal	132 MW	West Bengal	December, 2008
Teesta Low Dam Stage-IV, West Bengal	160 MW	West Bengal	September, 2009

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.